



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL**  
**SERVICES WEEK**

- WHEREAS:** Emergency medical services are vital to communities. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of individuals who experience sudden illness or injury; and
- WHEREAS:** The emergency medical service system consists of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, emergency physicians, nurses, firefighters, police officers, educators, and other out-of-hospital care providers. Whether professionals or volunteers, these individuals engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and
- WHEREAS:** Emergency medical service teams stand ready to provide lifesaving treatment to those in need, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and
- WHEREAS:** Emergency medical services fill a gap in health care delivery by providing out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up treatments, and access to telemedicine; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes the outstanding and courageous duties performed daily by emergency medical service to their fellow citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** The theme for Emergency Medical Services Week 2019 is "EMS Strong, BEYOND THE CALL"; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2019, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Georgia and join in recognizing all members of Georgia's emergency medical service system.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF